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## Project Horizon Takes Shape

*Construction on the Mohegan Tribe's Project Horizon has begun!*

The $740 million expansion project will add 1.4 million square feet to the Mohegan Sun's existing resort.

Construction will soon begin on the "Casino of the Wind," which will join the "Casino of the Earth" and the "Casino of the Sky" as the Mohegan Sun's gaming venues. This new casino addition will include more than 900 state-of-the-art slot machines, additional table games and a specially-themed poker room. Expansion and enhancements are also being made to some of the existing gaming space.

Project Horizon also includes additional premier retail and restaurant spaces, including restaurants featuring Italian, Japanese and American contemporary cuisines. A new "burger bar" and a "Hong Kong" street-food outlet will also be added to provide the patrons with a vast array of additional culinary options.

A new and exciting 1,500-seat music venue will also be part of expanded offerings at Mohegan Sun. The music hall, which will be operated by the House of Blues, will also include a restaurant, a retail shop and a special events room.

The highlight of the Project Horizon expansion will be the new 1,000-room hotel, which will nearly double the number of rooms currently available at the Mohegan Sun.

The expanded gaming space in the "Casino of the Earth" will come on line later this year, while the new "Casino of the Wind" is scheduled to open in 2008. The new retail and restaurant venues will follow, with the new hotel rooms targeted for completion by the summer of 2010.

Overall, Project Horizon will create at least 1,400 construction jobs and add more than 1,500 permanent jobs for the Connecticut economy. The Mohegan Tribe already employs over 10,000 people, approximately 90% of whom live in Connecticut. Taking into consideration the goods and services the Mohegan Sun purchases from Connecticut businesses, a state study indicated that the Mohegan Tribe's activities account for about 24,000 Connecticut jobs.

*Letter from the Chairman*

## The Mohegan Tribe: Dedicated to Preserving and Protecting Our Natural Environment

The Mohegan Tribe has always recognized our sacred duty to honor and respect our natural environment. We've remained committed to that duty as we developed Mohegan Sun. We've used building standards and practices that are environmentally sensitive and energy efficient because using less energy and building greener buildings is not only good for the environment, it makes good business sense.

Our facilities include a variety of environmentally friendly and energy-saving systems. We installed cutting-edge technologies, such as our fuel cells, our photovoltaic systems and our infrared technology in hotel guest rooms. Meanwhile, other initiatives have relied on developing and implementing appropriate day-to-day policies, such as the recycling of food and other waste materials.

One of our most significant commitments has been our program to reduce the emission of the pollutants that cause global warming. This strategy included the installation of two major fuel cells to partially power Mohegan Sun. The 200-megawatt fuel cells, which cost $2.4 million, use hydrogen derived from natural gas that we purchase from a Tribe in Mexico. To further reduce energy consumption on the reservation, heat from the fuel cells is used to warm up boiler water. In addition, the Tribe planted 100 acres of trees in Costa Rica to help offset the carbon dioxide emitted by the fuel cells.

At the same time, the Mohegan Tribe has created an extraordinarily successful recycling program at Mohegan Sun that is nearly 100% more effective than the system utilized by Connecticut's cities and towns. All paper, plastic, bottles, cans, metal and cardboard are recycled in a center based in Windham, Connecticut, while light bulbs are recycled at a facility in East Windsor, Connecticut. Cleaning solvents, antifreeze and motor oils are cleaned and recycled. Also, used cooking fat, such as for deep frying, is sent to a rendering plant where it can be further utilized. Even the food scraps are saved and used to feed farm animals.

The Tribe is also committed to using environmentally friendly transportation options whenever possible. All shuttle buses are fitted with emission-control measures, and we make use of alternative fuels and hybrid vehicles. In addition, the Mohegan Tribe owns and uses one of the only hydrogen powered personnel vehicles in the United States.

We take very seriously the Mohegan legacy of serving as a force for good by helping to strengthen our local communities and our world. We will continue to require that when it comes to protecting Mother Earth, our deeds mirror our words.

Sincerely,

Chairman Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum
on behalf of the entire Mohegan
Tribal Council

## Another Successful Year for Mohegan School Curriculum Program

Four years ago, the Mohegan Tribe set up the Connecticut School Curriculum Grant Program to support teachers in their efforts to develop a greater understanding and awareness of Native American history and culture in Connecticut.

To date, twenty-two Connecticut elementary and middle schools have participated in this unique education collaboration. The competitive grant program serves as a challenge grant in the development of new and innovative approaches to teaching history and culture to students.

Working in conjunction with the State of Connecticut and its curriculum guidelines on Native American history, the grant includes classroom participation by a member of the Mohegan Tribe and the financial support to allow the children and their teachers to visit the Mohegan Tribe's museum in Uncasville.

For more information about the grant program, or to download the Connecticut Teacher Resource Guide on Native Americans, go to **www.mohegan.nsn.us/education/outreach.aspx**

# Permanently Preserving the Mohegan Royal Burial Ground

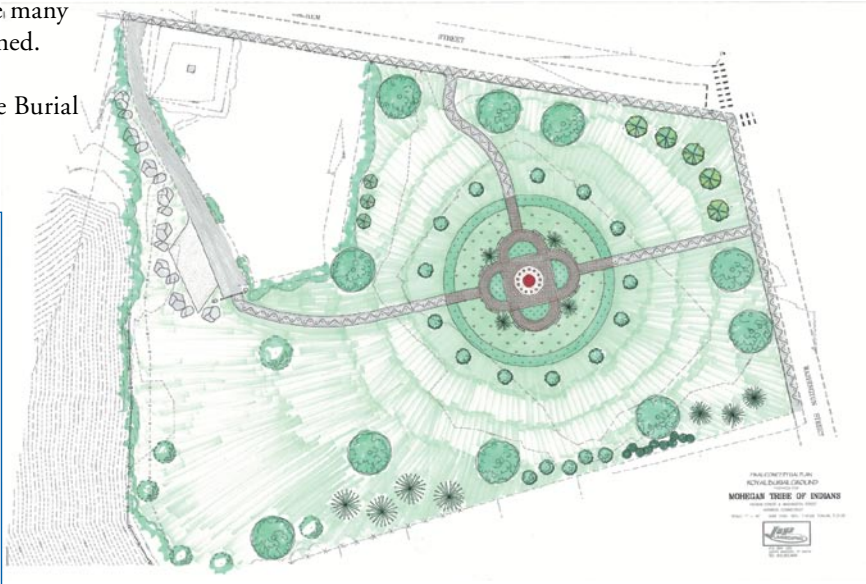
The Mohegan Tribe's efforts to permanently preserve and protect the Royal Burial Ground are taking shape. For centuries, the Mohegan Tribe has sought to protect and repatriate this important, sacred, religious, cultural and historic site. The area served as a Mohegan Burial Ground for hundreds of years. In 1659, when Uncas deeded "nine miles square" to early settlers for the village that became known as Norwich, continued access to the Indian Burial Grounds was an important issue. Historical records show that many of Uncas' family and descendants are buried at the site.

Unfortunately, despite the recognition that the property was an ancient and an important Mohegan Indian Burial Ground, land records reveal that by 1822, title for various parcels that made up much of the Burial Grounds had been transferred and development was taking place. Over the years, there were many accounts of bones being dug up and thrown away or burned.

Even with the desecration and destruction of much of the Burial Ground, the property attracted numerous dignitaries.

On June 24, 1833, President Andrew Jackson and Vice President Martin Van Buren attended the ceremony to lay the cornerstone of the Uncas monument. Other visitors have included President Ulysses S. Grant, who visited the site on July 4th, 1870; William Cody of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, who laid a wreath on the site in 1907; and President Taft who visited in 1909.

More recently, the Mohegan Tribe has made significant progress in its efforts to regain control and protect the site. In 1998, the Tribe purchased an important portion of the historic property and has been moving forward with plans to return the sacred land to its natural setting. A comprehensive landscaping plan is being finalized, and work to renew and honor the Mohegan Royal Burial site will begin this summer.



***"The Mohegan Royal Burial Ground is truly one of our Tribe's most sacred sites. Our ancestors were laid to rest there and yet many of their graves were desecrated. It has been the hope and prayer of every generation that we would someday be able to return ownership and care of this precious land to the Mohegan Tribe."***

**— Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum,**
**Mohegan Tribal Council Chairman**

## Mohegan Tribal Council

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**The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, in conjunction with six of Connecticut's other major chambers, are joining together with the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot Tribes to host a Native American Economic Impact Summit.**

The first-of-its-kind Economic Conference will take place on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm.

The mission of the Native American Economic Impact Summit is to promote awareness, assessment and discussion on the employment, business, tourism, entertainment, social and financial impacts that have resulted from Connecticut's Tribal activities and enterprises. The Summit will feature expert presentations about the national and state issues related to Native American gaming. The Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) will report on its new study of the economic impact of Connecticut Tribes on Connecticut's economy. Joseph P. Kalt, Co-Director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, will provide a national perspective on these issues.

A series of panels made up of business, government, Tribal and academic experts will further explore issues related to housing, transportation, jobs, community impacts and revenues for state and local governments.

In addition to the Chamber of Eastern Connecticut, the Native American Economic Impact Summit is being sponsored by Metro Hartford Alliance, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Bridgeport Regional Business Council, Waterbury Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce. For more information or a registration packet, visit www.chamberect.com or call 860-464-7373.

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